

Rothschild. An egg of the White-winged Trumpeter (*Psophia leucoptera*); presented by Mr. F. E. Blaauw. Two males of Anderson's Silver Pheasant (*Gemmæus andersoni*) from the Ruby Mines, Burma; presented by Mr. E. W. Oates. 41 specimens from Luzon, Philippine Islands, collected by Mr. John Whitehead, and containing examples of 18 species new to the collection; purchased. A pair of the Luzon Flower-peeker (*Dicaeum pygmæum*), with nest; presented by Mr. John Whitehead. A pair of Hodgson's Partridge (*Perdix hodgsoniæ*) from Thibet; presented by Mr. St. George Littledale. 45 birds from Andros Island, Bahamas; presented by Mr. Neville Chamberlain. 105 Humming-birds from Ecuador, including examples of two species new to the collection; presented by the Hon. Walter Rothschild. 18 birds from Chili, including the types of *Phrygilus coracinus*; presented by Mrs. Berkeley James. A collection of 420 birds from British Guiana; presented by Messrs. J. J. Quelch and F. V. McConnell. Four Petrels from the Kermadec Islands; presented by Professor F. W. Hutton, F.R.S. 39 Australian birds in spirit; presented by Mr. C. Burton."

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*The Dobroyde Collection of Australian Birds.*—The Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, Sydney, to the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for 1896, announces that the Government has purchased and presented to the Museum the "Dobroyde" Collection of Australian Birds and Eggs formed by Messrs. Ramsay, and containing many of the types described by Dr. E. P. Ramsay, the well-known Australian ornithologist, lately Curator of the Museum. The present Curator is Mr. R. Etheridge, Jr. Mr. Alfred J. North, who is in charge of the Birds, will, we trust, prepare a catalogue of the Dobroyde Collection, which will be very useful to ornithologists.

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*The Great Auk in Ireland.*—The occurrence of the remains of the Great Auk (*Atca impennis*) in Ireland has been already recorded from specimens obtained by

Mr. Knowles on the coast of Antrim (Proc. R. I. Acad. (3) iii. p. 650, 1895). Mr. R. J. Ussher, as we learn from the 'Irish Naturalist' (vol. vi. p. 288, 1897), has now confirmed this discovery by finding remains of the same bird in kitchen-middens on the coast of Waterford. These specimens have been examined and determined by Dr. Gadow and Prof. Newton. Mr. Ussher believes that this new locality is further south in Europe than any hitherto recorded for the occurrence of this bird.

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*Reserved Localities in Jutland.*—H.E. the Danish Minister has requested the Editors to insert in 'The Ibis' a copy of the following communication :—"The attention of the Danish Government has been drawn to the fact that two localities, which are the property of the Danish Crown, named 'Tipper' and 'Kløgbanken,' in the Ringkjøbing Fjord, on the west coast of Jutland, have of late years been visited by a large number of sportsmen and collectors, both native and foreign, during the close-time, for the purpose of securing specimens and eggs of the numerous Waterfowl which nest there, particularly of the rarer species. Great injury having been thus done to these interesting centres of bird-life, the Danish Government desires to bring it to the knowledge of all concerned, that such acts are illegal, that the provisions of the law of Denmark relating thereto will, in future, be strictly enforced by special measures, and that persons unlawfully visiting these localities for sporting or collecting purposes must expect to be arrested and dealt with according to law.

"November, 1897."

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*Rearrangement of the Bird-gallery in the British Museum.*—The rearrangement of the Bird-gallery in the British Museum, under the superintendence of the Director, has been commenced and is making good progress. The Passeres and other highly-developed groups will be placed on the left-hand side of the entrance from the hall, and the Ratitæ and lower groups on the right hand, so that, when the whole series is finished, the student will be able to commence his

examination from the top or from the bottom of the system, as he pleases. The Ostriches, Kiwis, Tinamous, Penguins, and most of the Gallinæ are already in their places. The specimens have been specially selected for the purpose and carefully remounted. Skeletons, young birds, eggs, nests, and other subsidiary objects, where required, are freely introduced. There can be no question that when the whole series is finished it will afford a most instructive and interesting exhibition of the various groups of the Class of Birds.

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*Penguins in the Macquarie Islands.*—The ‘Pall Mall Magazine’ for November last (vol. xiii. p. 363) contains a well-written popular article on the Penguins of the Macquarie Islands by Mr. W. H. Biekerton, entitled “The Home of the Penguins.” It is beautifully illustrated “from special photographs.” The full-page plate of the “King Penguin hatching its Egg” is capital. The author visited the island in March 1895, and found two species of Penguins breeding there, which he calls the Royal Penguin (*Eudyptes schlegeli*) and the King Penguin (*Aptenodytes longirostris*), the former being by far the more numerous. Full details are given about the breeding-habits of both of them.

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*The Birds of the Sandwich Islands.*—We recorded the return of Mr. R. L. Perkins from the Sandwich Islands last year (see *Ibis*, 1897, p. 491). His last collection of birds has now been arranged and divided by the Sandwich Island Committee, the first set of 81 specimens having been deposited in the British Museum. Among them are examples of *Drepanis funerea*, *Loxops aurea*, and *Viridonia sagittirostris*, the last two being new to the collection. We may now venture to hope that the completion of Messrs. Wilson and Evans’s ‘Aves Hawaiianes’ and of Mr. Rothschild’s ‘Avifauna of Laysan’ will not be much longer deferred.

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*New Ornithologist at Leyden.*—We have the pleasure of announcing that Dr. Otto Finsch, of Delmenhorst, Bremen, C.M.Z.S., has been appointed to succeed Dr. Büttikofer in the charge of the Department of Birds in the Leyden Museum.